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Mr. Kenneth Chiarello By FAX and USPS Clinton & Muzyka
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Mr. Timothy Duffy Mason & Duffy, PC 72 Sharp Street, Unit A9 Hingham, MA 02043

Re: ONEBEACON AMERICA INSURANCE CO. VS. BLUEWATER ENTERPRISES INC., US DISTRICT COURT (MASSACHUSETTS) CIVIL ACTION #04-11753-JLT

Dear Mr. Chiarello and Mr. Duffy,

Mr. Kevin McLaughlin of Fairhaven Shipyard and Marina contacted me on Thursday, March 16, 2006 to inform me that Mr. Duffy stated that the owner of the "Prim Lady" was not available to show the boat to the estimator until March 27, 2006. This was news to me.

No mention was made at the Status Conference of March 7, 2006 that the owner would not be readily available. No response was received to my FAX/letter of March 14, 2006.

This delay causes me great concern as it puts the umpire in peril of not meeting the court's deadline for having an estimate for the repair of collision related damages ready for presentation to the court by April 10, 2006.

I continue to operate in the absence of the written court order setting forth the tasks and deadlines. In the event my attendance is required at the Status Conference of April 12, 2006, I respectfully request formal notification.

Given the Court's deadline and the non-availability of the boat owner until

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March 27, 2006, I respectfully request that representatives of the boat owner make the boat available during the week of March 20-24, 2006 in order that the estimator can inspect the boat's collision damages for the purpose of preparing the court ordered estimate. Contact should be made directly with Mr. Kevin McLaughin at Fairhaven Shipyard and Marina at 508-999-1600.

In the event it is not possible for the owner's representative (s) to show the boat, prior to March 27, 2006, I respectfully request to be informed immediately so that I, in turn, can request an extension of time from the Court.

By a copy of this letter to Ms. Zita Lovett, I am keeping the court in this communication loop, lest the umpire be faulted for failure to follow the court's instructions. I am also providing Ms. Lovett with a copy of my letter to you of March 24, 2006.

Umpire signs without prejudice.

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1. Ms Zita Lovett with a copy of letter dated March 14, 2006, by FAX Cc: only.

2. Kenvin McLaughin, Fairhaven Shipyard and Marina. by FAX only



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Re: OneBeacon America Insurance Co. Vs. Bluewater Enterprises Inc., US District Court (Massachusetts) Civil Action #04-11753-JLT

Dear Mr. Chiarello and Mr. Duffy:

Following the Status Conference held in Boston on March 7, 2006, I traveled to Fairhaven, Massachusetts and held a meeting with Mr. Kevin McLaughlin, one of the principals in Fairhaven Shipyard and Marina, Inc.. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed order from the court authorizing the umpire to obtain an estimate covering repair of collision damages to the F/V "Prim Lady".

At the time of my meeting with Mr. McLaughlin the following points were made:

- 1. Fair Haven Shipyard & Marina, Inc. agreed to estimate the cost of the collision repairs.
- 2. Mr. McLaughlin was instructed to check in with the boat owner's counsel and the boat owner prior to attending the vessel.
- 3. Mr. McLaughlin was provided with a copy of the umpire's letter to perspective bidders, such as was sent to the seven boat yards previously invited to bid on the repairs.
- 4. Mr. McLaughlin agreed to submit his estimate prior to the court's deadline.

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- 5. Mr. McLaughlin will address his report and the invoice for the estimate to the undersigned.
- 6. Mr. McLaughlin agreed to call the undersigned in the event he had any questions.

All this was done in good faith and without having first received the order requested by Judge Tauro at the Status Conference.

In the event that you have any questions please feel free to call.

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